

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 15-19 have been canceled, and new claims 16-20 have been added for consideration by the Examiner.

In the Office Action dated March 26, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-10 and rejected claims 11-15. The allowance of claims 1-10 is noted with appreciation. Applicants respectfully respond to the Office Action.

Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 11-15 are canceled without prejudice.

New Claims

New claims 16-20 recite features analogous to those found in means plus function claims 6-10 respectfully. Therefore, claims 16-20 are also allowable for at least the reasons noted for claims 6-10 respectively.

Support for new claim 16 is found throughout the specification and, in particular, in FIG. 10; and on page 15, line 14 to page 17, line 15.

Support for new claim 17 is found throughout the specification and, in particular, in FIG. 11, and on page 17, line 30 to page 18, line 13.

Support for new claim 18 is found throughout the specification and, in particular, in FIG. 11 and on page 18, lines 2-4.

Support for new claim 19 is found throughout the specification and, in particular, in FIG. 12; and on page 20, lines 3-19.

Support for new claim 20 is found throughout the specification and, in particular, in FIG. 13; and on page 20, line 30 to page 21, line 17 and page 22, lines 2-3.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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